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SUBJ: PRC PARTICIPATION IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC)

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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT PRC AMBASSADOR TO USSR LIU HSIN-CHUAN TOLD AMBASSADOR STOESSEL ON OCTOBER 21 THAT "CHINESE WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME NEXT MONTH BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT STAFF A DELEGATION ADEQUATELY." DEPARTMENT'S UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN THAT PRC DOES RPT DOES INTEND TO PARTICIPATE AND WE NOTE THAT PRC DELEGATION PARTICIPATED IN AND SPOKE AT THIRD PREPCOM IN ROME IN SEPTEMBER. WE BELIEVE AMB. LIU MAY BE INCORRECT.

2. FOR ROME (FODAG): PLEASE CHECK WITH WFC SECRETARIAT TO CLARIFY PRC INTENTIONS RE PARTICIPATION IN WFC.

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3. FOR PEKING: WE NOTE FROM NCNA THAT WFC SECRETARY

GENERAL MAREI VISITED PEKING EARLIER THIS MONTH ACCOMPANIED
BY AZIZ, A PAKISTANI WHO IS ONE OF MAREI'S DEPUTIES. ANY-
THING YOU CAN LEARN FROM DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY ABOUT
MAREI'S ACTIVITIES IN PRC WOULD BE OF INTEREST. INGERSOLL

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